

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 272  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor James W. Jonakin of Bartlett on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in  
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;  
and

WHEREAS, Mr. James W. Jonakin is one such outstanding person who has served with  
alacrity and acuity for 20 years at Ellendale Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, his retirement will mark an end to an exemplary 30-year career with the  
Shelby County Schools; and

WHEREAS, James Jonakin exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of  
a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, James Jonakin became the principal of Ellendale Elementary  
School, and since then he has made several important improvements at Ellendale; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary career, James Jonakin was instrumental in  
establishing the Accelerated Reading Program at Ellendale, as well as implementing a school-  
wide computer network, the first school to do so in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, he has also been responsible for instituting an after-school homework help  
program in the Ellendale area; and

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WHEREAS, for the past five years, James Jonakin has served with alacrity as the state editor of the Tennessee Association of Elementary Principals' publication, *The TennPrin News*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jonakin was the recipient of the 1993-94 Meritorious Service Award by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, James's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. James Jonakin our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.